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SUBJ: NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING-MRS. NIEHOUS RETURNS TO US.

1. MRS. DONNA NIEHOUS, WIFE OF KIDNAPPED OWENS-ILLINOIS EXECUTIVE WILLIAM NIEHOUS, WILL RETURN TO THE US. TODAY, JULY 9, ACCOMPANIED BY THE NIEHOUS' YOUNGEST SON, CRAIG. TWO OTHER SONS, MARK AND DAVID, RETURNED TO THE US. LAST MONTH. IN A PREPARED PRESS STATEMENT MRS. NIEHOUS SAID JULY 8 THAT SHE IS MAKING A "SHORT TRIP" TO THE US. "TO VISIT MY CHILDREN AND MY FAMILY." SHE INDICATED THAT SHE WILL STAY WITH FAMILY FRIENDS, THE DINO BROWNSONS, IN TOLEDO. STATING THAT SHE KNOWS HER HUSBAND IS ALIVE, MRS. NIEHOUS DENIED THAT SHE WAS LEAVING VENEZUELA OR ABANDONING HER HUSBAND.

2. 133 DAYS AFTER THE KIDNAPPING, MRS. NIEHOUS CONCLUDED HER STATEMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING APPEAR TO HER HUSBAND'S ABDUCTORS: QUOTE I SUPPOSE THAT IT IS USELESS TO ADDRESS MYSELF TO THE KIDNAPPERS, BUT NEVERTHELESS I ASKY YOU- HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO PROLONG MY SUFFERING, THAT OF MY CHILDREN AND OF BILL HIMSELF? UNQUOTE.
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